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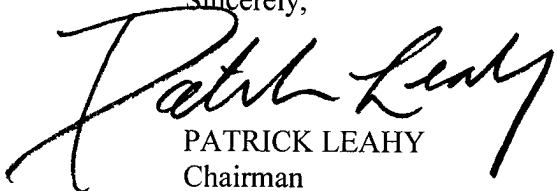
Dear Ms. LaSala:

We are writing to express our serious concerns about the management of the World Trade Center Captive Insurance Company, which Congress formed to "provide the City of New York and its debris removal contractors with coverage for claims arising from debris removal performed after the collapse of World Trade Center (WTC) buildings on September 11, 2001." H.R. Conf. Rep. No. 108-10, at 1476 (2003). It has come to our attention that close to \$74 million of the tax payer money Congress appropriated to cover claims to compensate volunteers and workers who were harmed while removing the debris at ground zero has been spent on overhead costs and legal bills. It is our understanding that to date not a single worker has been compensated for exposure to harmful substances now known to have been in the air at that time, and only one worker has been compensated for any injury – specifically an injury to his ankle.

After the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, Congress provided \$1,000,000,000 to cover claims by ground zero volunteers and workers who dutifully completed the momentous task of removing the debris of the fallen World Trade Center buildings. Reports that the World Trade Center Captive Insurance Company has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on salaries for administrators and over \$45 million to private law firms are troubling.

As the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, we are interested in learning how and when the 9-11 clean up volunteers and workers will receive the \$1 billion in tax payer money Congress appropriated for their injuries. Because we are considering calling for a hearing on this matter during the month of September, a prompt response would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



PATRICK LEAHY
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Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Charles Schumer
The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton